

Yosemite Final Fire Management Plan
Environmental Impact Statement

Yosemite National Park

Lead Agency: National Park Service

ABSTRACT

The Yosemite National Park Fire Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement guides the implementation of a complex fire management program. The program includes wildland fire suppression, wildland fire used to achieve natural and cultural resource benefits, fire prevention, prescribed fire, fire ecology research, and the use of mechanical methods to reduce and thin vegetation in and around communities.

One goal of the program is to reduce the threat of wildland fire to public safety and to the park's wildland urban interface communities as well as to its natural and cultural resources. Another goal is to return the influence of natural fire to park ecosystems so that they are restored to, and maintain in, as natural a condition as possible.

The Fire Management Plan /Environmental Impact Statement proposes to reduce risk to park wildland urban interface communities within six to eight years, and to restore park ecosystems within 15 to 20 years. Some of the work which will be done to reduce the risk of unwanted wildland fire in and adjacent to wildland urban interface communities will involve mechanical methods. The primary methods to reduce wildland fire risk and to restore park ecosystems, however, will be prescribed and wildland fire.